

As fighting rages

Arab FM's meet on Lebanon today

AIRO. — Arab foreign ministers will hold an urgent meeting here today to discuss the rapidly deteriorating situation in Lebanon. The call was made by Arab League secretary-general Mahmoud Riad, who told the ministers that their three-week-old resolution for a cease fire in the country had been ignored. Egypt had asked Riad to invite a meeting to a meeting to tackle developments in Lebanon menacing a entire Middle East situation. In a note to Riad, Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy spoke of an "an attempt to liquidate the Palestinian resistance movement and the current Arab effort to restore peace in Lebanon." Egypt could remain indifferent any longer, said.

PLC chairman Yasser Arafat arrived in Cairo yesterday from Libya. He was the fourth visit to Egypt this month and Palestinian sources said he was expected to attend the session. Arafat participated in the 8-9 conference and has since been touring Arab capitals to line up support for the Palestinians in Lebanon.

In Lebanon, the civil war worsened yesterday as repeated right-wing slaugth on two Palestinian camps lashed the conflict and left-wing under Kamal Jumblatt threatened a popular war if they fell. A further blow to peace hopes came in an announcement by

Libyan Premier Abdel-Salam Jalloud, winding up a mediation mission here, that yesterday's expected arrival of Saudi Arabian and Sudanese troops to strengthen an Arab peace-keeping force had been postponed indefinitely.

Fighting raged around the Tel al-Zatar and Jisr al-Basha Palestinian camps, and a Palestinian leader conceded that right-wing forces have battled their way into a village adjoining one of them.

Jumblatt accused a battalion of Syrian troops in plainclothes of taking part in the attack on Tel al-Zatar. He said leftists in the neighborhood of Nabaa, also under siege, had captured two Syrian officers taking part in the attack.

Saleh Khafaf, number two in the Fatah yesterday, said the rightists had occupied "a small part" of Jisr al-Basha village, adjoining the camp of the same name.

Journalists here said it was certain that if the two Palestinian camps succumbed, leftists and Palestinians would take furious revenge against one or more rightist strongholds. They have already gained a bridgehead in the Christian suburb of Ain al-Hummaneh.

The West German Embassy in Beirut yesterday announced it was organizing a road convoy this week-end to evacuate its nationals, and urged them to leave. The French Embassy is planning an overland convoy to Damascus today. (Reuters)



Fabrizia Heyman (above, right), one of the passengers aboard the hijacked Air France Airbus, photographed leaving London's Heathrow airport on Monday from Benghazi, where she was released before the aircraft flew on to Nairobi. Mrs. Heyman, who is six months pregnant and was said to be "very ill" upon her arrival in London, went straight to her father's home in Manchester, where she told a "Manchester" reporter that four men, apparently three Arab and one South American, and a German woman hijacked the plane "less than five minutes after take-off" from Athens. (UPI telephoto)

At Eurocommunist summit Brezhnev: U.S. holds back Salt accord

ST. BERLIN. — Soviet Communist party leader Leonid Brezhnev yesterday accused the U.S. of holding back in negotiations on a new agreement limiting strategic arms. Such a delay has been observed several months (at the strategic arms (Salt) talks in Geneva) and say it openly, this is not our style," Brezhnev told Communist leaders representing 29 European states.

The Soviet leader also hit out at NATO, and rejected NATO charges that the Soviet bloc was increasing military forces. He said there had been increasing "in responsible circles in the U.S. recently for a bigger arms game and for delay in the year-long Salt negotiations, following one major agreement on limiting nuclear missiles."

Conclusion of a second agreement, under discussion, was of "primary importance," and the Soviet Union's attitude was constructive based on goodwill, Brezhnev said. Brezhnev made no direct mention of the current U.S. presidential campaign. But he took a tough line with the U.S. and other NATO nations over detente, human rights and other issues.

The Soviet Union "as before, lays its value on improving U.S.-Soviet relations," he declared.

Brezhnev spoke soon after the signing of a long-delayed European communist conference, which has been overshadowed by major differences between the Soviet Communist party and the independent ties of Yugoslavia, Rumania and other Europe.

The Kremlin leader ignored bitter backstage arguments which forced the conference to be delayed 12 months behind schedule, but acknowledged that European Communists operated under varying conditions. Their "tasks and strategies must be adapted to different conditions," he said.

But he warned the independents: "We are all one of the same movement, united by a common and noble goal."

Through his 60-minute speech, (Continued on page 3, col. 5)



Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev addressing the Euro communist summit in East Berlin yesterday. (UPI telephoto)

One day to VAT Strike in West Bank even as tax postponed

Jerusalem Post Staff Prices of imported goods, petrol, (fuel oil and kerosene) and cigarettes will increase by 8 per cent as of tomorrow in the administered territories, but a new tax, substituting for VAT on other goods and services, will be imposed there only as of August 1, the Treasury executive decided yesterday.

In line with this decision, the purchase taxes reduced in Israel will remain at their present rate in the territories until August 1. VAT was postponed in the territories to enable businessmen there to learn the regulations, published in Arabic only yesterday. The delay will also enable the tax collectors to instruct the local population on how the new taxes will work.

From a legal point of view, VAT will not be imposed in the territories at all. The existing taxes will be increased and broadened to include new goods and services. However, a registered dealer there will be able to deduct the additional taxes just as Israelis will.

The West Bank Chambers of Commerce yesterday decided to go on a one-day business strike tomorrow, to protest against VAT. The strike is scheduled to include East Jerusalem as well.

The decision on the strike was (Continued on page 2, col. 2)

ILLETIN: Finance Minister Yehoshua Sabar last night canvassing his Cabinet to determine whether he should today back-to-work orders members of the Treasury staff used on implementation of Vat, due also effect on Thursday. Vat workers decided not to do anything in section with the new tax today, they will not deal with questions from public or with any paper work.

Gonen: Yadin never risked life for Israel

By YAA'ACOV FRIEDLER HAIFA.—Ain (res.) Shmuel Gonen last night attacked Prof Ezer Yadin for "hiding behind legalism" regarding Gonen's condemnation of the Agronomist Commission. He added that the Commission had deliberately attempted to create a lynch atmosphere against him in the country.

Gonen was guest of the Technion Alumni Association. He said that Yadin had "never risked his life for Israel" and challenged him to say that Gonen had lied in his condemnation to the commission. "I shall then promptly sue him for libel," he added.

Gonen also attacked former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan for having been "two-faced" to him.

Israel protests, at last, to U.S. over softer stand on PLO

By DAVID LANDAU and WOLF BLITZER (Washington) Israel has protested forcefully to the U.S. over the activities of PLO official Shafik al-Hout in Washington last week.

After an initially tepid reaction by Israel, both to the al-Hout episode and to America's public praise of the PLO 10 days ago, Israel has now expressed its strong objections to the apparent shift of position which these incidents seem to signify.

Israel's objections, however, observers noted, have come only some time after officials in Jerusalem told

newsmen they had been made. Foreign Ministry Deputy Director General Ephraim Evron yesterday called in Thomas Dunning, Deputy Chief of Mission at the American Embassy, to hand him a formal protest from Foreign Minister Ailon.

Israel, Evron stressed, hoped the al-Hout episode would not be repeated.

In Washington, Ambassador Simcha Dinitz spoke in a similar vein at a meeting Monday night with Lawrence Eagleburger, Deputy Under-Secretary of State. Dinitz asked that his remarks be transmitted to Secretary Kissinger, who was abroad.

Al-Hout, PLO spokesman at the UN, had received special permission from the State Department to leave New York in order to attend a private lunch on Capitol Hill offered by pro-Arab Senator James Abourezk. He was specifically barred from participating in any "public, political activity" in Washington. Nevertheless he appeared in a television interview and held a briefing for some of the capital's top newsmen.

State Department spokesman Robert Funseth acknowledged yesterday that al-Hout had violated the conditions of his visa to Washington by appearing on TV. He said the U.S. had informed the PLO's office at the UN of this violation — and would take it into consideration when considering future requests from members of the PLO's UN mission to leave the New York area.

Spokesman Funseth said al-Hout's press briefing was not a violation because it was not "public." The strong objections voiced through Evron and Dinitz came more than 24 hours after officials in Jerusalem told newsmen, on Sunday night, that Israel had already voiced its objections. In fact,

though, all that was done over the weekend was a telephone call from the embassy DGM, Hanan Baran, to a middle-ranking State Department official, seeking "clarifications" about al-Hout's visit to Washington.

An even more marked discrepancy between what Israeli officials said, and what was actually done, was evident during last week, following the U.S. public and formal expression of thanks to the PLO for its help in evacuating Americans from Beirut.

On Wednesday, "Davar" reported from Washington that Israel had lodged a formal protest over this. Officials in Jerusalem confirmed this. They even cited the text of Israel's protest, which pointed to the PLO's primary responsibility for the whole Lebanese imbroglio, and scolded the U.S. for gratuitously extending to the PLO a measure of legitimacy by fulsomely praising it.

In fact, though, no such protest was lodged — and indeed the next day a spokesman at the State Department said that Israel had not protested.

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Israel hopes for firmness by France and other states

Skyjackers ask release of 53 jailed terrorists



Air France's Africa manager, Fouque Decamps, left, leaves Boeing-707 jetliner which arrived in Entebbe with relief crew and medical supplies for skyjacked Air France Airbus. (UPI telephoto)

France 'will resist hijackers' demand

By JACK MAURICE

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PARIS. — The French government announced yesterday it will resist demands by the hijackers of the Air France Airbus to hand over a pro-Palestinian prisoner held in a French jail, one of 53 prisoners wanted in exchange for the aircraft and over 250 passengers and crew members.

Foreign Minister Jean Sauvagnargues said President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, who flew back during the morning from the Western economic summit in Puerto Rico, was very concerned about the plight of the hostages.

Sauvagnargues, who was attending a Common Market ministerial session in Luxembourg, added: "Our position is one of great firmness. We shall not give in to pressure which we consider inadmissible."

France's show of verbal toughness towards the Airbus terrorists is certainly due in part to the hijackers' statement accusing France of "conducting an anti-Arab policy since Charles de Gaulle." The government could not react meekly to their threat that "the Arab people will carry out reprisals against those two Zionists, the French Ministers of the Interior and of Justice."

The two ministers are Michel Poniatowski, a staunch and longstanding aide of President Giscard d'Estaing, and Jean Lecanuet, a former presidential candidate and

head of the middle-of-the-road Centre Democrat Party. Both politicians were outspoken supporters of Israel before they rose to government office. But they have not taken a public pro-Israel stand since they joined Giscard's cabinet.

French foreign ministry officials said yesterday they were confident that Uganda President Idi Amin was conducting negotiations for the release of the hostages in the spirit advocated by the French government.

Earlier this month, French police arrested five members of a pro-Palestinian group who tried to blow up offices of the Rothschild Bank in Paris. They included German-born Evelyn Barag, a French woman who was expelled from Israel after serving four years in jail on charges of importing bombs.

Swiss government officials were puzzled by the hijackers' demand calling for the release of a Palestinian or pro-Palestinian prisoner held in Switzerland.

A foreign ministry spokesman said that police records had no Palestinians listed among detainees held in Switzerland.

Born government representatives were also taken by surprise yesterday about the demand by hijackers to release six terrorist suspects held in West Germany.

In Nairobi, the Kenya government denied in a statement that there were any Palestinian prisoners in the country. It said it would welcome impartial verification.

U.S. vetoes Council move on Palestinian sovereignty

UNITED NATIONS. — The U.S. yesterday vetoed a Security Council resolution endorsing a report that asks Israel to withdraw from the occupied Arab territories within two years.

U.S. Ambassador Albert Shriver declared that the resolution is "totally devoid of balance," stressing the rights and interests of one party to the Middle East dispute and ignoring those of other parties. The vote in the 15-nation Council

was 10-1 with Britain, France, Italy and Sweden abstaining.

It was the 16th U.S. veto in the Council and the second one in less than a week. Last Wednesday, the United States vetoed Angola's application for membership in the world body.

The resolution would affirm the inalienable right of the Palestinians to self-determination, national independence and sovereignty in Palestine.

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Israel last night asserted that it is up to France to secure the safety of the hijacked Air France passengers without bowing to the hijackers' demands for the release of 53 convicted terrorists in four countries. At the same time Israeli officials indicated that they were pleased with the way France has handled the affair to date.

The hijackers, still watching over the 257 passengers and crew in Entebbe airport, reportedly demanded the release of some 40 Palestinian terrorists held in Israel, and of an assortment of other terrorists held by Germany, Switzerland and France.

There was no official reaction from the Government here last night but officials indicated that Israel's long-standing policy not to treat with terrorists still applied.

Much will depend, though, they acknowledged, on the positions taken by other states involved — both the states required to give up imprisoned terrorists and the states whose nationals are among the hostages.

Intense diplomatic contacts are proceeding with these states — and officials indicated late last night that so far there seemed to be a widespread resolve not to surrender to the hijackers' demands.

Although Radio Kampala yesterday broadcast what purported to be a full list of the imprisoned terrorists whose release the hijackers have demanded, officials here said the government's information was still incomplete. More precise information would be coming in through Paris, the officials said.

Premier Rabin held consultations with top ministers and officials at the Knesset yesterday — but participants were tight-lipped after the meeting, referring only to France's primary responsibility for the welfare of the hostages.

The full Cabinet is to meet today

for a report on the situation. But officials said no decisions were expected yet. (The hijackers fixed tomorrow at two p.m. as the deadline for meeting their demands. All the freed terrorists must be in Entebbe by then, they reportedly insist.)

In a speech to the Hotel Association in Jerusalem last night, Mr. Rabin said Israel was demanding that the safety of passengers be assured without discrimination as to nationality, race and colour. France, he said, had subscribed to the same principle, and he expressed the hope that the French Government would continue to do so in order to assure the safe return of all hijacked passengers.

In the past, Israel has agreed to release prisoners in exchange for hijacked passengers on two occasions. In September 1968, 16 Arab prisoners, none of them terrorists, were set free after Algeria released the 12 El Al crew and passengers held for 40 days, after being hijacked. The release was termed "a humanitarian gesture" towards the Italian Government, which helped negotiate the deal.

In December 1969, 71 Egyptians and Syrians were released in a three-way deal. Two hijacked TWA passengers, who had been held in Damascus for five months and two Israeli pilots shot down over Egypt were repatriated in exchange for the 71, who included 13 Syrians and 58 Egyptians, among them pilots, spies and saboteurs.

In another exchange, Fatah terrorist Mahmoud Hejazi was released in 1971 in exchange for Shmuel Rosenberg, the 58-year-old watchman, who was imprisoned in Syria for 14 months after being kidnapped on the border near Motilla.

In all cases where hostages have been held in terror attacks in Israel, the authorities have refused to comply with the demand to release imprisoned terrorists.

40 on list in Israel

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Air France Airbus hijackers in Entebbe yesterday demanded the release of 53 convicted terrorists in return for freeing the some 250 passengers being held as hostages. The list given by the skyjackers include 40 held in Israel, six in West Germany, five in Kenya, one in Switzerland and another in France.

Many names on the list were unrecognizable as their spelling appeared to have been distorted in the course of their transfer into another language by Ugandan officials.

Among those reported to be held in Israel only four names could be recognized clearly. These were of Kozo Okamoto, sentenced in July 1972 to life imprisonment; Archbishop Hilario Capucci, sentenced in December 1974 to 12 years in jail; Fatima Barnawi, sentenced in January 1968 and William Nasser, sentenced in May 1968 to life imprisonment. All were involved either in terrorist attacks or bombing attempts. Capucci was jailed after having been caught smuggling explosives from Beirut to Jerusalem on behalf of the Fatah.

The others listed by the hijackers were named by Ugandan officials and Radio Kampala as follows:

Those listed: Carlos Musallim Jaro, Rono, Abdullah Rahim Jaber, Sheikh Mohammed Abu Tayim, Achef Asud, Azahar Fahar, Sukran Sukran, Abdullah Abim, Afiba Baymor, Hassan Kamar Nikola, Abdul Rahman Qasim, Mahmud Abdel Nasr, Hagisnar Aze, Ahmed Hammad Hammad, Mahmud el-Asir, Abdulatif Gadi, Laha Abdul Jagan, Babu Qasem, Mahmud Jaber Qasim, Isibin Bin Rashid, Ahmed Hamid Sabar, Fahim Eddin Jaber, Yusuf Sulaiman Nadi, Kuman Nuri, Azim Musa Orvedo, Mahmud Hamana, Samir David, Jafir Amar, Habib Kasim, Hamin Ellasin, Habib Okwech, Ter el Yasin, Omar Abdul Rashid, Abder ben Kasim, Daud Kalfan, Jaber Shita.

Detained in West Germany: Werner Hoppe, Jan Karl Raffe, Azim Shabas, Rafael Winas, In Yets, Fritz Yussli.

Detained in Kenya: Abdul Hanas Hanafi, Fahr, Ibrahim Qabim, Hassan, Saul.

Detained in Switzerland: Bekra Hussein.

Detained in France: Inso Silva Masimal.

Amin: 100 Israelis among passengers

KAMPALA, Uganda. — After the armed hijackers had issued their demands for the release of 53 jailed Palestinians and sympathizers, the 250 hostages being held at Entebbe airport were yesterday reported to be "comfortable." They had spent Monday night sleeping on benches and armchairs or on the floor of the disused air terminal's main lounge.

Uganda authorities said the hostages were well and that a "full-time medical team" was at the old Entebbe airport terminal transit lounge where the captives are being held.

Ugandan president Idi Amin, in an official statement, urged the hijackers to release old women, children and anyone who might be sick. He also declared his support "for the Palestine people."

Amin said there were more than 100 Israelis among the captives, not about 80 as previously reported.

Amin twice drove up to the airport and chatted with the passengers. Sources in Entebbe said he specially seemed to pick out the Israelis, whom he assured they were his "friends and guests."

Radio Uganda said late yesterday the hijackers had refused a request to let International Red Cross officials visit the hostages. The hijackers described the Red Cross as "a stooge of imperialism and Zionism."

The terrorists said yesterday "severe and heavy penalties" would follow if their demand for the freedom of 53 jailed Palestinian

sympathizers were not met. The terrorists, reportedly members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, whose six-point ransom demands were broadcast by Uganda Radio, said the 53 detainees had to be flown to Uganda's Entebbe airport and the exchange completed before 1200 GMT tomorrow.

According to French sources, three hijackers are in the air terminal lounge, and the other two are still aboard the plane. The Ugandan army is being kept some 50 metres away from the terminal by the hijackers' threat to "blow up everything" should they draw any closer.

(Reuters, AP, UPI)

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Nahariya	65	22-28	22-28
Safed	63	19-28	18-27
Haifa Port	63	22-27	22-27
Tiberias	31	21-27	21-36
Nazareth	44	18-29	18-38
Afula	46	19-31	19-31
Shomron	53	16-27	16-27
Tel Aviv	68	20-27	20-27
E.G. Airport	49	20-30	20-30
Jericho	35	22-35	20-36
Gaza	62	21-35	20-36
Beersheba	37	20-33	20-32
Ellat	16	20-40	25-39
Tiran Straits	19	25-40	27-39

Social and Personal

The annual Israel Goldstein lecture at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, taking place today at Maison de France, will be followed by a reception in honor of Dr. Goldstein on his 80th birthday. Prof. Simon Herman will speak on "Zionism and Pro-Israelism."

The Haifa Rotary Club will be addressed by its outgoing President, Solly Friedman, at its weekly meeting at the Nof Hotel, 8 p.m. tonight.

IN MEMORIAM
At a ceremony in the Or Yehuda central synagogue yesterday, it was decided to rename it in memory of the late Rav-Aluf David Elazar. Present were his widow and other members of his family, Minister of Commerce and Industry Haim Bar-Lev, the deputy Chief Army Chaplain, Tat-Aluf Gad Navon, senior IDF officers and others.

ARRIVALS

Rabbi Moshe Rosen, Romanian Chief Rabbi, for a 10-day visit.
Paulo Pereira, Attorney-General of Brazil and Mrs. Pereira.
Baroque Musica Herzog, deputy leader of the Spanish Socialist Party, and Mrs. Herzog, for a visit at the invitation of the Labour Party.
MK Meir Wilner, MK Emil Habibi and Ruth Lubitch, all of Baka (New Communist Party) from East Germany, where they attended that country's Communist Party convention.
Professor E. Eliezer, Director of the Internal Medicine Department at Hadassah Medical Centre, from a conference in Budapest.
Jennie Z. Gilbert, President of the Mizrahi Women of Ireland, for a three-week visit. (By El Al.)

Jerusalem plan goes to council

The long-awaited successor to the Jerusalem Outline Plan of 1959 — the official plan for the city — was presented to the local committee on planning and building for the first time on Sunday.
Deputy Mayor Mervon Benvenisti told the Jerusalem Municipal Council (whose members comprise the local committee) that the plan largely tries to preserve and not "create revolutions." He added that the plan's map, one-fourth the scale of the existing map, is less specific and more flexible. He urged the local committee to finish their consideration of the plan within "four or five months," after which it will be sent to the district planning and building committee.

Architect Yosef Schweid, who led the team of planners who drew it up, said the Outline Plan is important so that the city has a long-range coordinated scheme of development. "Otherwise, it will look as if we have given into outside pressures every time we make changes," he said.

Guam chapel gets earliest Sabbath

The earliest Sabbath in the world will now be ushered in at a new synagogue on the island of Guam. The Jewish community dedicated their chapel, Temple Shalom, this month. This is the first synagogue on the island since Typhoon Karen destroyed most of Guam in 1962.
Guam has the distinction of being "the first Jewish community" because it is located just west of the international dateline in the Pacific Ocean.

THE WINNING LOTTO numbers drawn yesterday were 37, 28, 22, 21, 09 and 03. The additional number was 07.

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Gush Emunim not interested Three new 'Allon plan' settlements approved

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Three new settlements sites on the West Bank — all within the ambit of the "Allon plan" — were approved by the Ministerial Settlement Committee under Yisrael Galili yesterday. One is near Kalia on the Dead Sea, and the other two are near Kochav Hashahar, north-east of Nablus, on the first range of hills rising up from the Jordan Rift.

The three will be "ma'ahazim" — military posts occupied by Nahal troops.
Kochav Hashahar itself, presently also a Nahal "ma'ahaz," will now become a "he'ahazut" — one stage closer to a civilian settlement, the committee decided yesterday. (In a "he'ahazut" the Nahal soldiers engage in agriculture or industry, as well as in purely garrison duties, thus preparing the place for eventual transformation into a civilian settlement. In a "ma'ahaz" there is no extra-military activity.)

The sites near Kochav Hashahar are among the alternatives that have been offered to the Gush Emunim campers at Kaddum. But as of yesterday there was no sign that the Kaddum group had softened its rejection of the proffered alternatives (another site is on the western edge of Samaria, near the "green line").

Yehiel Admoni, the senior World Zionist Organization official who submitted the various alternatives to the Kaddum group on behalf of the government, reported to Minister Galili yesterday that their attitude was still negative.

Admoni went to Kaddum on Monday to meet with the entire group. They acknowledged that Kochav Hashahar and the other sites suggested were strategically important, but stressed their own insistence on remaining "in the heart of Samaria."

They asked Admoni, however, for another few days' grace before giving him their final answer.

Sabotage, bloodshed feared; Israel ship home today

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Fear of "sabotage and possible bloodshed" from the crew of an Israeli merchant vessel, according to its captain, has caused her to be rerouted back to her home port here.

Capt. Ephraim Marcovitz of the M.S. Perseus Core, the only Israeli flagship of the Maritime Fruit Carriers still sailing, was due to bring his ship here today.

The ship was carrying a consignment of one million cases of oranges to Rotterdam, but last Thursday her master, Marcovitz, radioed the company of his fears of possible violence and sabotage. The crew is angered by not having been paid and by facing dismissal without severance pay once the ship docked in Rotterdam. It was felt that the vessel would probably have been attacked there at once by the company's creditors.

Marcovitz refused to budge from his decision to return to Haifa despite repeated company orders to proceed to Rotterdam.

According to the Sea Officers' Union, the captain was within his

rights, as maritime law empowers a ship's captain to change route if he has reason to fear for the safety of the ship, the cargo or the crew. The Transport Ministry will launch an immediate investigation and the crew may face charges as serious as mutiny at sea, which carries a maximum sentence of up to 10 years in jail. Should the captain be unable to make out a good case for his decision, charges may be placed against him.

Last night the officers' union told *The Jerusalem Post* that they would warn the men not to talk to newsmen, in order to avoid incriminating themselves.
Meanwhile the officers' and ratings' unions have broken off all contacts with the new MFC management. "They must either put up or shut up," the unions summed up their stand, "and we won't take promises." The unions made it clear that they had nothing to say until the management puts up the \$1.8m. owed to the crews of the seven ships in pay fringe benefits and taxes, and deposit another \$1.4m. for severance pay, in case the ships are sold to foreign firms and the men lose their jobs.

WASHINGTON PROTEST

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partment denied any knowledge of it.

The only action in fact taken by Israel was a phone call — or possibly two phone-calls — by the DCM Baron to a Department of official requesting "clarifications" and expressing mild "reservations."

In diplomatic practice, a phone call never carries the formal weight or significance of a face-to-face conversation — and this the Israeli embassy never asked for.

Highly placed sources denied yesterday that Israel had deliberately restrained itself in order to avoid angering the Administration while the "transitional aid" question was still open. (President Ford announced his final decision last weekend — to grant \$275m. to Israel for the "transitional quarter.")

The sources denied that Israel had in fact been restrained or slow in its reactions to the praise-for-PLO incident or the al-Hout affair. But the facts as culled both in Washington and in Jerusalem do point to deliberate restraint — for whatever reason.

Some observers contend that had Israel's reaction been more vigorous last week (to the U.S. praise for the PLO), al-Hout would not have been permitted to take such liberties in Washington.

The State Department, at any

rate, has denied to the embassy that the visit to Washington by al-Hout, or the public expressions of gratitude to the PLO following the successful naval evacuation, represent any change in the traditional U.S. policy of opposing recognition of or dealings with the terrorist group.

The Americans have maintained that permission for the al-Hout visit came before the Beirut naval evacuation and that there was no quid pro quo. Al-Hout's application, moreover, was endorsed by Sen. Abourezek and it was difficult for the State Department to turn it down.

The State Department spokesman was also asked yesterday to comment on a report in the "Washington Star" last Sunday which said that America, while refusing to recognize the PLO de jure, has begun de facto dealings with the group. "That's nonsense," the spokesman said.

The same "Washington Star" report had an unnamed State Department official compare the origins of Israel's independence with the current structure in the PLO, making the point that before 1948 the Jewish leadership in Palestine also had various "terrorist" groups. Funnish said: "I wouldn't draw any sort of historical analogies" between the two.

ONE DAY TO VAT

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adopted following a meeting with the West Bank military authorities, which reported that the Government rejected the Chambers' request for exempting the West Bank from new taxation designed to parallel VAT in Israel. The Chambers of Commerce rejected an offer by the authorities to put off the new taxation for one month, and decided to go on a total shut down to protest against the Government's

"determination to impose the new tax."
Meanwhile, the Commerce and Industry Ministry yesterday published a list — the first of several such lists, it claims — of products whose prices will be lowered by their manufacturers as of tomorrow, when VAT goes into effect and the purchase taxes are reduced or abolished.

The price reductions announced average between five and 10 per cent, according to the Ministry. (See ads pages 4 and 7).
In addition to these price reductions — which are voluntary — Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev yesterday issued regulations on new maximum prices for various food and grocery items. These have been included in a published list of 120 items, showing prices with and without the new Value Added Tax.



Catherine Levy (left) leaves the Haifa District courthouse yesterday after her appeal was turned down. She is accompanied by a plainclothes policeman. (IFPA)

French visitor's appeal of detention order denied

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A District Court judge here yesterday denied an appeal of the detention order against Catherine Levy, the French woman suspected of having had contacts with terrorist organizations.

Judge Eliezer Bar denied the appeal after reading a classified police document on the suspicious woman. But he urged the police to conclude their investigation as soon as possible. He also said Levy's request for better detention conditions be granted.

The suspect, 34, was arrested on arrival last Wednesday aboard the S.S. Apollonia, and remanded into 15 days' custody. Yesterday she continued to deny any connection with terrorists, explaining that she had come for social research.

After the hearing, Levy spoke with her attorneys, Ali Rafa of Haifa and Leah Zemel of Jerusalem. Rafa told *The Jerusalem Post* his client had been interrogated for ten hours one day and submitted to a lie detector test the next morning. She had made no admissions, and signed nothing, he said.

Former dayan gets one-year term

TEL AVIV. — Haim Segal, a former judge in the rabbinical courts, was sentenced yesterday to a year in prison for obtaining dollars through fraud and smuggling them out of the country.

The Tel Aviv District Court found him guilty of obtaining a total of \$40,450 by applying 23 times for foreign currency allotments on the false pretext of going abroad. He then transferred the money out of the country, Segal claimed he had

used the money to pay "debts of honour."

The majority judgment for sentencing was passed by Judges Mordechai Kennet and Eliahu Manny. In the minority was Judge Elisba Sheinbaum, who pointed out the results of psychological examination which showed that Segal lost his sense of reality under pressure. Noting that Segal, 40, had already suffered dismissal from his post, he recommended a fine and suspended jail term. (Item)

7,000 clerks waive summer hours

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Some 7,000 out of about 150,000 clerks waived their right to work fewer hours during the summer, Uriel Abrahamowicz, chairman of the Histadrut Trade Union Department, estimated yesterday.

Abrahamowicz told *The Jerusalem Post* that he had learned that employees in the Jewish Agency, Keren Kayemet, Keren Hayesod, Shalem and Histadrut offices in Beit Shemesh had decided to main-

tain regular working hours during the summer.

The Union of Graduates in Social Sciences and Humanities will meet tomorrow to discuss a plea by the Histadrut committee for academic affairs that employees with university degrees work the normal number of hours. But a labour federation source said yesterday that only a decision by the entire staff of any office would have any practical value. (Leader — page 8)

Swiss promise to help Soviet Jews

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
Swiss Foreign Minister Pierre Graber told a Knesset delegation visiting Bern that his country would do everything in its power in the diplomatic sphere to promote the rights of Soviet Jewry to emigrate to Israel. Switzerland would do so in line with its policy of assisting all humanitarian enterprises and respecting the rights of the individual, Graber said.

The Knesset delegation is visiting Switzerland as guest of that country's two houses of parliament. At the official welcome for the delegation in the Senate, Speaker Willy Wank recalled that the Swiss Parliament had voted to cut its subsidy to Unesco by 10 per cent to demonstrate its displeasure with the anti-Israel resolution passed in the UN agency.
Moshe Carmel (Alignment) heads the delegation.

IL87,600m. budget approved by Knesset

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
The Knesset yesterday approved the 1976/77 State Budget on the second and third readings to the tune of IL87,600m. after a marathon session before midnight on the night. (The original total of IL85,200m. was increased to allow for the extra revenue from the Value Added Tax, approved the day before.)

The vote was 54 against 35. All the opposition factions voted against the budget except for the Aguda bloc whose members were absent from the chamber, but the Aguda traditionally abstains on budget votes.

Finance Committee chairman Israel Kargman, who piloted the Budget bill through the two readings, said that in future the Treasury must make sure that Budgets are tabled in the Knesset in time, to obviate interim budgets.

He said the Finance Committee had intensified parliamentary supervision over Government spending by limiting the sums which departments may expend without specific approval, and by placing a ceiling on civil service manpower.

In future all revenue from bond issues must be listed in the State Budget on the revenue side, Kargman said. The budget of the Na-

tional Insurance Institute must also be included in the State Budget, as also the expenditure allocated on linkage insurance for loans.
Kargman recalled his Committee's demand that the National Insurance Institute cover the cost of a standard and tombstones in addition to the cost of burials and it would place this demand on its agenda in the next few months.

One sign of improvement in the economy, he noted, was the fact that the trade deficit for the first five months of this year was less than for the same period in 1975.

Earlier, the Knesset passed into law an amendment to the Absentees Properties Compensation Law enabling absentees' claims to be filed until July 1, 1978, instead of July 1, 1973, and permitting claimants to ask for the compensation entirely in linked bonds instead of partly in bonds and partly in cash.

Also approved was an amendment to the income tax law enabling expenditure on industrial and agricultural research to be deducted as business expense for income tax purposes until the end of the 1978 fiscal year.

A third amendment approved was one to the Development Loan Law, closing a loophole in the regulations designed to prohibit bonds bought by pension funds from being transferred to other holders.

Zadok proposes Lands Law change

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Home-owners in buildings which are not yet registered in the Tabu (land registry office) as cooperative houses (condominiums) — yet which fit into that category for all practical purposes — would have the same legal relationship with each other as in cooperative houses, under an amendment to the Lands Law presented in the Knesset by Justice Minister Haim Zadok.

Zadok said that 150,000 flats are registered in cooperative houses today, and another 450,000 are not registered for various reasons, although they fit into the category.

Under the new law, registration would not be a precondition for the home-owners having to obey the rules and regulations regarding disputes between them, such as use of

roofs and stairways and central heating.
Zadok said the law would be applied over six years since there were not enough inspectors available to do so at once. It would be applied first in Jerusalem.

In registered and non-registered buildings alike, a new provision will make it possible for one home-owner to demand that another home-owner carry out a repair in his flat, without which the demand for repairs would sustain damage — such as repairs to the plumbing. The present law does not contain such a provision.

In the debate, Aharon Efrat (Alignment-Ma'arav) said the Housing Ministry should be in charge of cooperative houses, not the Justice Ministry.
The bill was voted to the Law Committee on the first reading.

Girls in trouble neglected

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Though Tel Aviv is the centre of the country's prostitution "industry," that city is served by only four of the 60 social workers assigned by the Social Welfare Ministry to assist girls in trouble. Beersheba and Ashkelon each have four such workers, while Jerusalem, considered by many to be a "clean" city, has nine.

These were some of the findings reported by the Knesset Public Services Committee yesterday. The report was issued after five sessions during which the unit discussed the Ministry's handling of the troubled girls problem. From various testimony, the committee learned that only 1,800 of an estimated 2,500 to

4,000 young women in trouble are being given attention by the Ministry.

In its report, the committee faults not only the Ministry with neglect of the problem, but also "not with regret" that other agencies, including municipal police, the Labour Ministry and the Ministry of Education, are not doing a good job in keeping young girls from turning to prostitution.

The committee said social workers should concentrate on preventive measures, by starting to work with problem girls while they are still in primary school. It also called on the Israel Defence Forces to establish vocational training courses for problem girls, similar to courses already conducted for problem boys.

T.A. slum-dwellers protest

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Representatives of Tel Aviv slum-dwellers demonstrated peacefully outside the Knesset yesterday to protest inaction by municipal and national authorities with regard to rehousing and anti-crime measures. They sent a small group into the Knesset to ask Speaker Israel Yehoshua to do what he could in their behalf.

In a meeting with the Alignment's Mapam wing, the slum-dwellers complained that in one of the worst areas — the "crates quarter" (shekunt ha'argaman) — rapes took place in broad daylight and sex deviates wandered around freely. Of the 16,000 residents of the Shabazi quarter near the central bus station, they said, as many as 12,000 took drugs. An Arab un-

derworld had begun to develop in Shabazi, they said.

They complained that Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat in three meetings had made promises about improving education and housing, but had done nothing. They said they would not see him again.

The Mapam MKs decided they would "go slumming" as soon as possible — escorted by the delegation — after which they would work out a multi-stage programme of improvement projects.

The delegation represented residents of the Ramat Gan area, the "crates quarter," Shabazi, Sheikh Munis and Givat Anan Bet. They told the Mapam MKs privately that hot-heads in their quarters planned to organize violent riots in the coming weeks to draw attention to their plight.

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Cojo chief talks about the right to criticize

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Diapora Jewry should be allowed to criticize Israel both in public and behind closed doors and not be expected merely to contribute funds, said Joachim Prinz, chairman of the Conference of Jewish Organizations, in Jerusalem yesterday.

The 74-year-old Reform rabbi was speaking to reporters in anticipation of three days of COJO meetings which will begin at the Jewish Agency building in the Capital this evening.

"The Diaspora consists of people who think politically," said Dr. Prinz. "Lovers of Israel should take part in discussions, whether they live in Buenos Aires, New York or Jerusalem." Prinz, a political dove who served as chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations during the Six Day War, asserted that there is no reason for Jews to remain silent when they think Israel is in error or at fault. "The world already knows of the criticism from reading the newspapers every day," he explained.

COJO, a joint organization of three international bodies (B'nai B'rith, the World Jewish Congress

and the World Zionist Organization) and eight national Jewish bodies (including the American Jewish Congress and the Board of Deputies of British Jews), was established in 1958. Prinz described it as a "consultative, deliberative body" that meets once or twice a year.

Among the topics for discussion will be the Israel-Diaspora relationship; Soviet Jewry; the Jewish student; the UN; and Jews in Arab lands.

Jewish Agency Executive chairman Yosef Almog will speak at the opening tonight; the 75 COJO delegates will meet with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and other top officials. "We need a good talk with Rabin," noted Prinz, "and he needs a very good talk with us."

Asked by *The Jerusalem Post* about his association with the "Breira" movement in the U.S., which is openly critical of the Israel establishment and urges a turning inward to local problems — Prinz called himself "an old-time Zionist." He said that although he signed an advertisement supporting action against Gush Emunim settlers on the West Bank, he doesn't support all Breira doctrines, such as returning to pre-1967 lines.

Ministry dismisses charges of huge produce market profits

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL-AVIV. — Director General of the Ministry of Agriculture, Reuven Eilat, brushed off MK Moshe Shalev's claim that organized racketeers control the country's fruit and vegetable markets. On Sunday Shalev called on the minister and his director general to resign.

At a press conference here yesterday Eilat dismissed Shalev's claim that the middlemen's cut is between 370 to over 1,000 per cent. Eilat said the minister referred to this charge sometime ago in the Knesset when he described Shalev's words as cheap demagoguery. "In this, as in other instances, I believe the minister is correct," said Eilat. "If the police have evidence of corruption in the markets as Shalev claims then they should bring the matter to court. The police should not try and raise flowers or avocados, and the Ministry of Agriculture should not deal with matters of the underworld," he added.

Eilat pointed out that the Ministry of Agriculture is not responsible for running the markets. This falls under the jurisdiction of the local authorities. The Ministry sees

to it that goods reach the markets in large enough quantities so prices will not be too high, he said.

Eilat went on to explain that the price of vegetables and fruits are based on supply and demand, and the prices fluctuate accordingly. When the housewife was paying 11.2 per kilo of tomatoes, the farmer received 10.972 (48.6 per cent of the retail price). 10.142 (7.1 per cent) goes for packaging, sorting and transport, while the wholesaler's commission is 10.132 (6.6 per cent). The retailer takes 10.754 (37.7 per cent) of which about 10.34 goes for expenses and about 10.40 profit.

The only thing that can be done to lower the prices is to try and cut down on the wholesalers' cut. "This is where the price reduction campaign of ours comes in," said Eilat. Answering a reporter's question, Eilat admitted that the Ministry of Agriculture had been weighing the possibility of abolishing the price reduction programme for agricultural products, but decided against it after many groups pleaded with them not to do so. The Ministry felt it was not getting enough support from other groups, including retailers and the consumers themselves.

Negev Beduin demand return to land they farmed

TEL AVIV. — Four Beduin tribes near Omar in the Negev are calling on the government to help them set up agricultural villages and not to move them into "Beduin towns" which could turn into "work camps."

Spokesmen for the tribes, Sheikh Odeh Abu-Sirhan, Nuri al-Akabi and Muhammad Nebel, as well as their attorney, Meir Lamm, told newsmen here yesterday that they needed facilities for some 450 families. The tribes they represent are Abu-Sirhan, Abu-Umra, Tarabin and Abu Mu'ammer.

They pointed out that in 1951 they were expelled from the land they had farmed near Beersheba, and transferred to their present location, which was then near the border. Though they were forbidden to return to their land, other Beduins were later allowed to cultivate it. Finally, the land was taken over by the Development Authority.

The area they call home is between Mishmar HaNegev and the Beit Kama-Arad Road. The government has offered to settle them in villages near Shuvai.

Recent court orders to demolish Beduin shacks were designed to compel them to settle where the government wanted them, the spokesmen complained. They said they were willing to consider other sites for agricultural villages, though they maintain they have a right to return to their own land. They oppose the town settlements in part because they would have to build their own houses and go into debt, without any compensation for the land they lost. Despite their nomadic habits, they said, there was no justification for withholding compensation for land they and their ancestors had worked.

The legal status of the land they claim will be resolved in a suit filed by the Israel Lands Administration. (Itim)

Carter's foreign policy adviser due

Prof. Zbigniew Brzezinski, the chief foreign policy adviser of Jimmy Carter, who is expected to be the Democratic candidate for president, arrives in Israel this morning for a three-day study tour.

The Polish-born Brzezinski (pronounced "Beyzinski") likely will become a top man in the U.S. administration if the former Georgia governor is elected. He was invited to Israel by Foreign Minister Yigal Alon after expressing interest in Israeli diplomats in Washington in such a visit.

Brzezinski, a Sovietologist and professor of government at Columbia University in New York, will begin his tour with a visit to the Holocaust memorial at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. He will meet Prime Minister Rabin, the Foreign Minister and other officials.

Brzezinski, 48, has been mooted to become head of the U.S. National Security Council or Secretary of State if Carter succeeds in reaching the White House.

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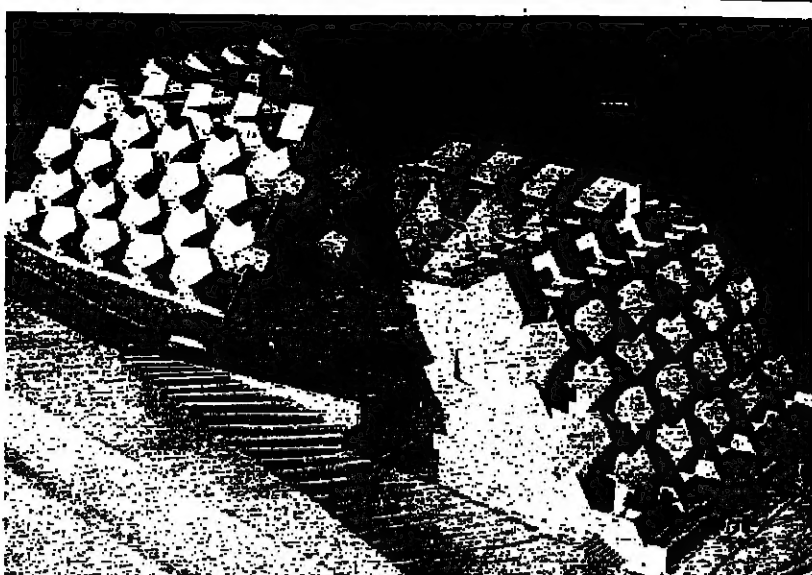
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A residential district in Ramot, Jerusalem, designed by architect Zvi Hecker, whose work is on display at the Israel Museum.

Offer calls housing designs 'total aesthetic failures'

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Housing Minister Avraham Ofer accused the Israeli architectural profession last night of failing to create livable environments in the country's residential neighbourhoods.

Speaking at the opening of an architectural exhibition at the Israel Museum, Ofer said the architects displayed little imagination in their work and did not relate to the life styles of the people they were designing for. He said they generally did poorly in design of apartments but that their major failure was in design of neighbourhoods.

"After dealing with this subject many years," he said, "I believe that architects in Israel live in an ivory tower cut off from the real needs of the population in the country." Describing the appearance of most neighbourhoods as "a total aesthetic failure," Ofer said the fault lay entirely with the architects and not with the programme given them by the Housing Ministry or the public housing companies.

Citizens' advisers want computer

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Citizens Advice Service of the Welfare Ministry wants to establish an "Information Bank," to supply all citizens with up-to-date information on their rights and duties. The Service director, Yoel Papier, told a press conference here yesterday.

The bank, to be staffed mainly by volunteers, would provide information by phone, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and applicants would not have to identify themselves.

Papier said that during the past two years the service had established 33 bureaus in 17 localities throughout the country, and dealt with some 20,000 questions. Most citizens insisted on remaining anonymous. "People don't want what pension who 'have connections' in the ministries. He estimated that 11,000 a year would suffice to fund the scheme. The Service would shortly call on Knesset Members to support the plan, which would take about 100 days to implement.

They were partially exempt from paying municipal taxes, Papier said. New laws and regulations are continually added to the lawbooks "and citizens can simply not keep up with them."

Noting that "government clerks sitting in adjoining offices in the same Ministry sometimes refuse to give each other information," Papier said a law would have to be passed to give the bank's staff the legal right to demand and get all the information they needed from government offices, local authorities and other public organizations. The information would be stored in a computer memory bank for immediate reference, and distributed free of charge.

He thought the bank's staff should include former officials on pension who "have connections" in the ministries. He estimated that 11,000 a year would suffice to fund the scheme. The Service would shortly call on Knesset Members to support the plan, which would take about 100 days to implement.

New birth test will save baby's lives

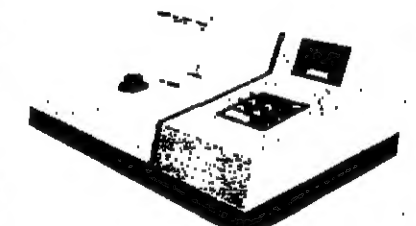
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A new medical instrument and test method, developed at the Weizmann Institute, will help save hundreds of lives of premature babies whose lungs collapse at birth.

Details of the instrument and the test method were disclosed here yesterday by officials of the Weizmann Institute; of the Elscint Company of Haifa and the U.S., which constructed the \$12,000 instrument, and of the Sheba Medical Centre at Tel Hashomer, where the method and the instrument were tested during the past three months.

The breakthrough was announced simultaneously at a press conference in New York by officials of the Sheba Medical Centre and Elscint, and a representative of a major New York hospital where the instrument was tested. The hospital, however, chose to remain unnamed until its test results are published in medical journals.

About 100 prematurely born babies die in Israel each year because their lungs collapse at birth. Another 200 survive the collapsed lungs, but develop other ailments, often leading to mental retardation. It has been known for several years that the lungs of the fetus become "ripe" when their surface tension reaches a specific rate.



The "Foetal Maturity Analyser" — a \$12,000 instrument developed by Weizmann Institute scientists and built by Elscint.

Those born before this rate is reached — there are some 400 in Israel alone each year — suffer from RDS, or Respiratory Distress Syndrome.

There have been two methods used to test the development of the fetus's lungs — one chemical, the other mechanical. However, both methods are not very accurate, and take at least five hours to come up with a result.

The use of the new instrument takes an hour. It is based on an electro-optical analysis of a sample of the amniotic fluid, in which the baby lies in the womb. The fluid is extracted by a needle in much the same way blood is obtained

for a test — a harmless procedure with little if any side effects if performed by competent medical personnel.

In testing the method and the instrument at Sheba Medical Centre, fluid samples were taken 80 times, from 49 mothers. (In some cases a sample had to be taken several times, to find the time when the baby was ready for delivery.) All of the tests proved the method's success.

The value of the instrument, according to doctors from Tel Hashomer, is in enabling delay of premature birth (by use of appropriate drugs) until the baby's lungs are ripe; or, in permitting the earliest possible delivery of the baby if the mother's condition endangers its life. In one case, a woman suffering from high blood pressure which was likely to kill her baby, was delivered of a healthy baby in the 32nd week. (A normal pregnancy lasts 40 weeks.)

Elscint's representatives said there were several dozen such instruments on their production line, but they would not say how many will be built in all. However, they felt it would not be long before every maternity ward in the world realizes they should have one. It takes less than an hour for a doctor or a nurse to learn how to use it.

HIJACK THREAT HITS 'FRIENDS'

Kol predicts all-time tourism to Israel record

By GEORGE LEONOF
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The hijacking of the Air France plane showed that the terrorist threat to international air transport is still very much alive, said Tourism Minister Moshe Kol, who was addressing the general annual meeting of the Israel Hotel Association at the Jerusalem Hilton yesterday.

He said the incident should help bring home the real danger to those who have lately taken to granting various forms of recognition and encouragement to the terrorist organizations.

Turning to the issue at hand, the minister mentioned that tourism this year was up by 40 per cent over the comparable period last year and predicted an all-time record of 850,000 by year's end. Had the air passenger policy been more liberal, the figure would have topped the million mark, he claimed, but prospects nevertheless, were bright.

Kol told the meeting that he could not accept complaints by the association's members about low industry profitability. At a time when thousands of employees were earning less than before in real terms; when the Government was compelled to make drastic budgetary cuts — "and for one believe they were not drastic enough" — hotels last year recorded an average 45 per cent occupancy, an improvement on the previous year. He also pointed out that 1,000 hotel rooms will be built in the course of the current year.

The Minister noted the following developments:

- From October this year to next May there will be 11 weekly

charter flights from Scandinavia, four to Eilat and the remainder to Ben-Gurion Airport.

- Dan-Air, Britain's largest charter company, has applied for two weekly flights to Eilat beginning in November, and a series of flights from Berlin to Ben-Gurion.

- German Air is also seeking permission for two weekly flights to Eilat, from Germany, in the same period.

- A Scandinavian charter operator wants to fly a weekly plane load of Christian pilgrims from Germany.
- Four large travel agents on the West Coast of the U.S. have banded together to organize a series of charter flights to Israel beginning in October.

The Minister declared that by now no one was prepared to dispute the obvious fact that the cost of air transport plays a decisive role in tourism trends, and praised El Al's general manager, Mordechai Ben-Ari, for his announcement on Tuesday that the national airline has decided to join in charter operations.

Earlier Yitzhak Bloch, who yesterday ended a long term of service on the Association's executive, warned hotels against "under-the-counter competition" in price-cutting, which could eventually damage the entire trade.

The urgent need for price stability was emphasized by Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Sambar, a guest speaker, in a short lecture on the critical state of the economy. He emphasized that price increases brought only illusory financial gains and urged drastic departure from this practice.

You can stop smoking

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Only those consciously convinced that they ought to stop smoking can actually be helped to quit smoking. This is the chief finding of an extensive psychological study carried out at Tel Aviv University by the husband-and-wife team, Professors Shulamit and Hans Kreitler, together with Anton Shalev of the University.

The researchers say that the same holds true not only for smokers but also for over-eaters and drug addicts: to drop a bad habit one must first be converted to the belief that this must be done.

Among the factors studied were the behavioural treatment in the anti-smoking programme, the smoker's personality and his conviction regarding the need to stop smoking.

According to the findings only those consciously cognizant of the need to stop smoking, can with any certainty be expected to succeed in actually staying away from cigarettes.

The Kreitlers are now busy putting together a programme which will have the smoker or the over-eater's attitudes as its target.

The research was partially financed by the Israel Anti-Cancer League.

BREZHNEV

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Brezhnev sought to shift the emphasis of the two-day conference away from ideological schism to peace and security, which he defined as a primary Communist goal in Europe.

The 69-year-old Soviet leader, who has been frequently reported in failing health for two years, appeared fit and alert. He repeated the traditional Soviet view, often contested by European party leaders, that the West faced a growing crisis of capitalism.

Brezhnev accused "Maoist leaders" in China of making open appeals to be armed for another war, and linked them with other forces holding out against East-West détente. The Chinese wanted "other states and other peoples to collide with each other and thus... gain advantages."

Neither the West nor China had shown any readiness to accept a Soviet call for a world treaty on renunciation of force or a general ban on new systems of mass destruction, he said.

In the Sait talks, the U.S. had rejected a Soviet proposal to end research and development of "new and horrible weapons." The U.S. had also rejected a Soviet call for withdrawal of nuclear-carrying vessels from the Mediterranean, he charged.

Brezhnev spoke to 114 Communist leaders from 29 countries, including such key personalities as President Tito of Yugoslavia and Italy's Enrico Berlinguer, in the modern Hotel Stadt Berlin in the East German capital.

Also present was another Eastern Europe maverick leader, Nicolai Ceausescu of Rumania, the leader of the French Communist party, George Marchais, and Portugal's Alvaro Cunhal.

The conference will end tonight with a cautious joint declaration that will avoid any reference to Soviet proposals for a common action programme, and will leave each Communist party free to decide its own policies. (Reuter, AP)

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IN BRIEF

Pursuers of Peace

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Progress and Development Knesset faction of Deputy Agriculture Minister Sheikh Jaaber Mu'adi and Self ed-Din Zu'bi, has changed its name to the Pursuers of Peace list.

Sheikh Jaaber explained on Monday that the change was part of a drive for a rapprochement between Israel and the Arab states.

H.U. degrees

Medicine and dentistry doctorates, master's degrees and a series of specialized diplomas were awarded to 782 Hebrew University students in a colourful but brief ceremony in the Mona Bronfman Shenkman Amphitheatre at the Givat Ram campus on Monday afternoon.

Ninety-nine new doctors and 35 dentists received their M.D.s and D.M.D.s.

The largest group of M.A. graduates, 183, was in the social sciences. This was followed by 133 each in the faculty of humanities and the faculty of science.

Post-graduate diplomas were given in criminology, business administration, library and archives studies, and in scientific translations.

Gaza beach drowning

ASHKELON. — The body of a woman about 20-years-old washed up on the Gaza beach on Monday, police here said.

The body, found by fishermen, had no signs of violence on it, and police assume she had drowned while swimming far from shore. No one had reported a missing person fitting her description, they added.

Songs of peace

Jerusalem Post Reporter

AFULA. — Twelve songs of peace, written by elementary school children in collaboration with their teachers in Beit She'an and Afula, were presented here this week festival organized by the Afula municipality.

The songs — poems set to music by the schools' teachers — were all by pupils from the religious school network, with whom the idea of the peace songs originated.

The first two prizes for the best compositions went to nine-year-olds: Esther Peretz from Beit She'an for her "Poem of Peace" and Yoav Rehokah of Afula for his "Concert of the Spirit."

The good earth

The Jewish National Fund has reclaimed some 1,000 dunams of saline ground along the coast of the Dead Sea, a spokesman reported this week.

A half-metre covering of fertile soil was brought to the area from nearby canyons where soil is washed down from higher ground. One hundred dunams of the reclaimed land are located near Mitzpe Shalem, 800 at Kibbutz Kalya, near the Kurnan caves, and 100 at Moshav Neot Hadikar. Much of the land is being used for growing vegetables.

Stabbing suspect held

A 19-year-old resident of East Jerusalem was arrested yesterday on suspicion that he stabbed yeshiva students on three separate occasions during the last month.

The suspect, who allegedly attacked their students on their way to pray at the Western Wall, will be brought before a judge today for remand. (Itim)



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PROGRAM

2:00 pm	Veterans Parade	3:00-7:00 pm	STRAW POLLS
2:30 pm	FORMAL CEREMONIES at Bandstand in Stadium Rededication — Rabbi Richard Hirsch In Memoriam — Colonel Arthur E. Hoffman Greetings from President of Israel Remarks by Michael Newlin, U.S. Consul General Medley of American Songs Announcements of Day's Program STRAWPOLL No. 1, Nominations for President of U.S. Explanation of Propositions I and II	3:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm 6:00 pm	Scraw Poll No. 1 — Nominations for President of U.S. Polls Close at 4:00 pm Announcement of Results of Scraw Poll No. 1. Scraw Poll No. 2 — Election of President of U.S. Polls Close at 6:00 pm. Voting on Propositions I & II. Announcement of Results of Scraw Poll No. 2. and Propositions I & II. Evacuate Football Field Behind Stadium to prepare Grounds for Fireworks Display
3:00-7:30 pm	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT M.C. — Bruce Brill (See insert for details)	7:30-8:00 pm	AWARDS OF PRIZES FOR COMPETITIVE CONTESTS AND DOOR PRIZES. (GRAND DOOR PRIZE will be a "Pilgrimage to the U.S. Bicentennial" — two round trips to U.S. including car rental in U.S.)
3:00-6:00 pm	COMPETITIVE CONTESTS 3:00-5:00 pm Basketball Freethrow Contest 3:30-5:00 pm Golf Driving Contest 3:30-5:00 pm Kite Contest 5:00-6:00 pm Soap Box Derby	8:00-8:30 pm 8:30-10:30 pm 10:30-11:00 pm	Mammoth *** Fireworks *** Display Giant Screen Movie "Yankee Doodle Dandy" More Mammoth *** Fireworks *** Display

Iran troops kill 10 guerrillas

TEHERAN. — Iranian security forces yesterday killed 10 guerrillas as they wiped out what they described as the headquarters of "Communist terrorists in Iran" in a four-hour gun battle here.

Among the dead found in a second-floor apartment near Teheran's airport after the battle was Hamid Ashraf, who had been wanted since 1971.

Authorities said two of the slain guerrillas were women. No government agents were reported injured.

In addition to large quantities of arms, ammunition, explosives and money, the authorities also found in the hideout \$20,000, which Radio Iran said, was the "balance of money received from Libya."

Last month the authorities accused Libya and the Marxist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), led by George Habash, of helping the guerrillas with cash and arms. (Renter, AP)

\$6b. in aid for Italy, UK, being studied by West

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A multi-billion-dollar financial bail-out for industrial nations is being studied by the Western world's economic powers, following the economic conference here on Sunday and Monday.

Italy may be the first to receive help, U.S. officials indicated, with Britain likely to be next in line for a special aid package that could total \$6.1b.

The leaders of the U.S., British, Canadian, French, Italian, Japanese and West German governments issued a joint statement at the end of the conference in which they said: "We recognize that problems may arise for a few developed countries which have special needs, which have not yet restored domestic economic stability, and which face major payments deficits."

President Ford returned to Washington shortly before midnight Monday and was scheduled to brief his Cabinet yesterday on the talks.

Upon his arrival in Washington he said that the talks "established positive directions which will benefit not only our peoples but the international economy as a whole."

The significance of the special aid plan, if it is put into operation, would be that the industrial nations would be committed to preventing the financial collapse of any of their group.

There would be a price to pay, however. Ford said in a statement that any aid should be made available "in conjunction with a firm programme for restoring underlying equilibrium." That means nations receiving aid would be expected to balance their budgets, even if it meant painful belt-tightening for their people.

Britain and Italy are running substantial budget deficits that are aggravating already serious inflation and causing a steady erosion in the value of the lira and pound. Industrial nations have pledged more than \$5b. in temporary aid to help keep the British pound

from falling further. But U.S. officials have said any additional aid for Britain or Italy, would probably come through the International Monetary Fund, to which the US is the biggest contributor.

U.S. Treasury Secretary William Simon said one possibility for establishing the aid programme is to set up a new lending programme within the Monetary Fund.

The U.S. Congress has already appropriated \$2b. for a \$6.1b. fund called the "general agreements to borrow" — a reserve fund established by the 10 major industrial nations to provide additional money for the Monetary Fund if it needs them. The joint statement endorsed Ford's call for a go-slow approach in their economic policies so as not to trigger new runaway inflation. But President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing of France disagreed with the threat of a continued high level of unemployment inherent in such economic policies. (AP, UPI)

'Comoros isle girls forced to wed Frenchmen'

PORT LOUIS, Mauritius. — The Organization of African Unity yesterday accused France of a plan to win possession of a strategic Indian Ocean island by forcibly marrying off local girls to occupying French troops.

OAU spokesman Peter Onu issued a statement charging French authorities on the tiny island of Mayotte were deliberately forcing local girls to marry some of the 3,000 occupying French troops, thereby "changing the demographic character of the island so that in future years it will be full of white children."

Mayotte belongs to the Comoros group of islands. When these became independent last year, Mayotte's population opted to continue its colonial links with France, which still maintains a military presence on the island.

Somalia yesterday set the stage for a possible showdown with Ethiopia when it refused to sign a plan put forward by Ethiopia on Monday recognizing the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Djibouti when it becomes independent later this year from France. (UPI)



Roscoe Tanner of the U.S. strains over backwards to beat Jimmy Connors. (UPI telephoto)

South African forces kill 26 terrorists

PRETORIA, South Africa. — South African troops and police have killed 26 black nationalist guerrillas since June 11 in fighting in South-West Africa, the military announced here yesterday.

The guerrillas of the South-West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), operating from bases in Angola, are fighting to end South Africa's control of South-West Africa. The South African offensive forced most of the guerrillas back over the border into Angola, the announcement said.

All but one of the dead guerrillas were killed in the Ovambo tribal area which borders Angola. Brig. Benjamin Roos, director of army operations, told a press briefing. (AP)

Frenchman wins yacht race

NEWPORT, Rhode Island. — Eric Tabarly of France unexpectedly finished first yesterday in the transatlantic singlehanded yacht race — and had to sail around the harbour for two hours before anyone noticed.

Tanner upsets Connors

LONDON. — Roscoe Tanner, 24-year-old American, blasted title favourite Jimmy Connors aside 6-4, 6-2, 8-6 to reach the semifinals of the men's singles at yesterday's Wimbledon tennis championships here.

It was expected to be a tough-and-go contest between the two heavy-hitting American left-handers, but Connors gave Tanner a surprise and it was all over in an hour and three-quarters.

Up to the quarterfinals, second-seeded Connors had not dropped a set, and with the memory of a 6-4, 6-1, 6-4 semifinal victory over Tanner here last year, he was convinced he could continue his march towards a third successive Wimbledon final.

But with Tanner serving 19 aces, and mixing his shots more than he did 12 months ago, it was the seventh seed who went through. The contest was highlighted by some of the fiercest hitting ever seen at Wimbledon. But unlike last year, when he tried to destroy the ball each time he hit it, Tanner varied the weight of his shots, particularly when returning service. Tanner was the only one of four American quarterfinalists to reach the semis as both Vitas Gerulaitis, U.S., and Charles Pasarell of Puerto Rico were eliminated. Both were unseeded, but Gerulaitis gave Raul Ramirez of Mexico, seeded eighth, a shock by taking the first set before Ramirez, the first American to go this far in Wimbledon singles, won 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-4. Rumania's Ilie Nastase, who is third seed, must now be the favourite to win the title that so far has escaped him, whipped Pasarell 6-2, 6-3. (Reuters, AP)

Woman breaks 4-minute barrier

MOSCOW. — Soviet runner Tatjana Kazankina, who became the first woman in the world to run 1,500 metres in under four minutes on Monday, was ordered six years ago to give up athletics because of heart problems, a sports official said yesterday. (UPI)

War misery pervades Beirut

BEIRUT. — The "miracle" of Beirut living on despite its war has finally ceased, and people are face-to-face with everyday misery.

Electricity has gone. Water taps are dry in most houses. The telephone is dead except in spurts of a few hours. Communications with the outside world are cut.

Without electricity, bakeries are closed and there is no bread. Petrol is so scarce it sells for \$20 for a five-gallon can on the streetside — and then it's so diluted cars splutter and cough.

The summer heat is taking hold, but this summer there's no air conditioning. It is even difficult to find a way to wash off the sweat.

The courageous swim in the Mediterranean. Others fear getting hit by artillery shells. Christian guns often bombard a beachside bathing club used by the Lebanese Arab Army as a firing base.

Since refrigeration is no longer possible, nothing can be conserved. The last bastion of decent eating, a French restaurant called Relais de Normandie, is ready to close because its meat is spoiling.

"This is my last try today," said the owner. "After this I'm just going to have to give up for good. I can't serve bad meat to my customers, can I?"

Doctors in what used to be the Health Ministry have issued public warnings against typhoid. They have advised boiling water, and washing fruit and vegetables in chemical disinfectants.

Fouad Elzri, director of the Lebanese Electricity Authority, says power will be restored only when the battle around a pair of refuges in southeastern Beirut ends.

Institutions such as hospitals and some hotels — along with individuals who can afford it — are buying private generators. But prices are rising fast and most run on petrol.

Power still flows in the southern Beethoven loud enough to drown out the thud of artillery.



Children fill containers of water from a hose in eastern Beirut, as the city had its fifth day yesterday without running water or electricity. (AP radiophoto)

But the months of pounding have taken their toll. Electricity lines were blown up and placed together too many times. Technicians and the Central Post Office burned out too many generators and ran out of spares.

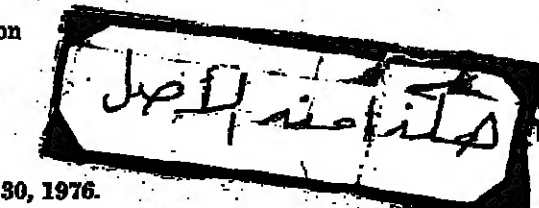
The crumbling of utilities has speeded the flight of Lebanese from their capital, but many of the 1.5 million residents are too poor to move.

The women are hoisting bottled water up to their apartments in wicker baskets and washing their children with water brought in saucepans. No matter where they live, the war has come home to them. (AP)

NOTICE TO CIGARETTE RETAILERS

As from July 1, 1976, the prices of cigarettes, including V.A.T. to retailers will be as listed below:

Brand	Price to retailers for a packet of 50 boxes, including V.A.T.	Amount of V.A.T. included in the price of a packet of 50 boxes
Broadway, Time 100	235.47	1.08
Time, Europa, Time Menthol	203.44	0.86
Sheraton, Nelson Filter, Savoy	170.71	0.69
Royal, Nelson, Noblesse Filter, Telstar	122.65	0.55
Ascot, Dubek Filter, Eden, Polaris, Montblanc	84.59	0.41
Dubek 10	66.00	0.30
El Al	62.24	0.21
Silon	57.56	0.19
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LIST OF MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICES FOR GROCERIES July 1976

Product	Packaging and Weight	Price Without V.A.T.	Price With V.A.T.
BREAD			
Dark bread, standard	750 gm.	.97	1.05
White bread	750 gm.	1.11	1.20
White bread	250 gm.	.69	.75
Kimmel bread	500 gm.	1.15	1.25
Halka, round or braided	500 gm.	1.15	1.25
Roll	60 gm.	.25	.27
Dark bread, sliced	750 gm. bag	1.67	1.80
White bread, sliced	500 gm. bag	1.71	1.85

EGGS			
Size 1	65 gm. or more	.52	.56
Size 2	60-65 gm.	.45	.52
Size 3	55-60 gm.	.44	.48
Size 4	50-55 gm.	.39	.43
Size 5	45-50 gm.	.33	.36

MILK AND MILK DRINKS			
Pasteurized milk or low-fat pasteurized milk (1%)	500 ml. bag	.97	1.05
Pasteurized milk	1 litre bag	1.80	1.95
Sterilized milk	585 ml. bottle	1.67	1.80
Low fat (1%)			
Sterilized milk	585 ml. bottle	1.62	1.75
Sterilized milk	910 ml. bottle	2.50	2.70
"Rivion"	500 ml. pack	1.76	1.90
"Rivion"	1 litre carton	3.29	3.55
Pasteurized Choco	200 ml. bag	.69	.75
Sterilized Choco	200 ml. bottle	.98	1.00

SOUR MILK PRODUCTS			
Eshel (Tnuva), Idit (Tara), Leshed (United Dairies)	170 ml. cup	.69	.75
Leben (3% fat): Gil (Tnuva), Oz (Tara), Ya'el (United Dairies)	170 ml. cup	.56	.60
Leben (2% fat): Raz (Tnuva)	170 ml. cup	.55	.60
Yogurt (Tnuva, Tara, United Dairies)	170 ml. cup	.92	1.00
Fruit-flavoured yogurt: Prigut (Tnuva), Pri-Halav (United Dairies)	170 ml. cup	1.30	1.40

CREAM			
Sour cream	170 ml. cup	1.25	1.35
Pasteurized whipping cream	230 ml. bag	4.40	4.75
Sterilized coffee cream	185 ml. bottle	1.57	1.70
Pasteurized whipping cream	250 ml. bag	4.77	5.15

BUTTER			
Butter	100 gm. package	2.50	
Refined butter	200 gm. package	4.75	

SOFT WHITE CHEESE			
Lean white cheese (Tara, United Dairies)	250 gm. package	1.43	1.55
Lean white cheese for cutting: Can'an (Tnuva)	250 gm. package	1.85	2.00
Lean white cheese for cutting: Can'an (Tnuva), Tivon (Tara), Kfar (U.D.)	500 gm. package	3.52	3.80
Fat cheese for cutting: Tuv Taam (Tara), Shufra (U.D.)	250 gm. package	2.04	2.20
Lean spreading cheese (Tnuva)	250 gm. cup	1.43	1.60
White cheese, half fat (5%) (Tara, U.D.)	250 gm. package	1.62	1.75
Fat white cheese for spreading 9% (Tnuva)	250 gm. cup	1.62	1.75
Savoyon half-fat cheese (Tnuva) square box	125 gm.	.97	1.05
Lean spreading cheese, Ga'aton (Strauss)	125 gm. cup	1.30	1.40
Fat spreading cheese, Ga'aton, 9% fat (Strauss)	125 gm. cup	1.43	1.60
Cottage cheese, 9% fat (Tnuva)	225 gm. cup	1.85	2.00
Salted cheese, Ein Hemed (Tnuva)	250 gm. package	3.70	4.00

HARD CHEESE			
Gilboa (Tnuva)	1 kg.	19.45	21.00
Gilboa (Tnuva)	200 gm. package	4.63	5.00
Emek (Tnuva)	1 kg.	21.76	23.50
Emek (Tnuva)	200 gm. package	5.00	5.40
Tiran (Tnuva), Pe'er (Tara), Edamer (Strauss)	1 kg.	22.22	24.00
Edamer (Strauss)	200 gm. package	5.33	6.30
Gash Halav (Tnuva)	200 gm. package	5.14	5.55
Gash Halav (Tnuva), Colby (Tnuva)	1 kg.	23.15	25.00
Gad (Tnuva)	1 kg.	25.00	27.00
Tal Ha'emek (Tnuva)	1 kg.	27.78	30.00
Tal Ha'emek (Tnuva)	200 gm. package	6.43	7.00
Meiron (Strauss)	1 kg.	25.93	28.00
Meiron (Strauss)	200 gm. package	6.43	7.00
Arad (Tenne), Hadar (Tara)	1 kg.	25.00	27.00
Nahariya (Strauss)	1 kg.	27.32	29.50
Gilad (Tnuva) ("Kashkaval")	1 kg.	35.19	38.00
Gilad (Tnuva), ("Kashkaval")	200 gm. package	8.01	8.65

PROCESS CHEESE			
Carmel (Tnuva)	six triangles in a 240 gm. box	3.33	3.60
No'am (Tnuva)	eight triangles in a 200 gm. box	3.20	3.45
Meshek (Tnuva)	sixteen triangles in a 240 gm. box	3.89	4.20
Bilu (Strauss)	six triangles in a 240 gm. box	5.37	5.80

Product	Packaging and Weight	Price Without V.A.T.	Price With V.A.T.
Nil, Chili, Gili (Strauss)	three circles in a 180 gm. box	4.31	4.65
Tam Amical (Mata) (Kfir)	250 gm. package	6.39	6.90
Shomron (Mata)	six triangles in a 240 gm. box	4.63	5.00
Migdal David (Kfir)	six triangles in a 240 gm. box	4.40	4.75
Ushi (Kfir)	three triangles in a 120 gm. box	2.55	2.75

MARGARINE			
Margarine, with or without salt	200 gm. packet	1.15	1.25
Margarine, with or without salt	250 gm. cup	1.71	1.85
Margarine, low calorie	250 gm. cup	1.34	1.45
Margarine for baking	200 gm. packet	1.15	1.25
Margarine with milk	200 gm. packet	1.43	1.60
Margarine with milk	250 gm. cup	1.89	2.05

OIL			
Refined soya oil	580 gm. glass bottle (65 cl.)	2.92	3.15
Refined soya oil	920 gm. plastic bottle (1 lit.)	5.46	5.90

MATCHES			
Matches	twelve-box package	2.13	2.30
Matches	box	.185	.20

HUMUS, TEHINA			
Prepared tehina	100 gm. can	1.76	1.90
Instant tehina	100 gm. can	2.41	2.60
Prepared humus	310 gm. can	3.61	3.90
Prepared humus	420 gm. can	4.40	4.75

FLOUR, SUGAR, RICE, SALT			
Semolina	1 kg.	2.92	3.15
Plain white flour	1 kg.	2.69	2.90
White sugar	1 kg.	5.09	
Rice	1 kg.	4.54	
Regular table salt in bags	1 kg.	.74	.80
Edible Salt (coarse) in bags	1 kg.	.70	.75

NOODLES AND DOUGH PRODUCTS			
Macaroni, spaghetti (Osem), Muvhar	500 gm. package	4.31	4.65
Noodles, ptitim (Osem)	400 gm. package	2.50	2.70
Spaghetti, Macaroni, ptitim, haked Muvhar	250 gm. package or box	2.41	2.60
Noodles, ptitim Muvhar	250 gm. package	2.17	2.35
Unbaked (Osem)			
Ptitim, haked, Macaroni, Muvhar (Osem)	500 gm. package	4.31	4.65

BISCUITS			
Marie (Hadar)	250 gm. package	3.43	3.70
Crackers (Hadar)	250 gm. package	3.56	3.85
Marie, Cream Crackers, Biscuits (Fromline)	227 gm. package	3.39	3.60
Marie, Cream Crackers (Osem)	227 gm. package	3.61	3.90
Petit Beurre (Osem)	175 gm. package	2.73	2.95
Petit Beurre (Osem)	260 gm. package	3.66	3.95

BEVERAGES			
Beer, regular	48 cl. bottle	1.39	1.50
Malt beer	48 cl. bottle	1.15	1.25
Carbonated beverage Coca-Cola	1 lit. bottle	3.33	3.60
Carbonated beverage Schweppes	1 lit. bottle	2.69	2.90
Carbonated beverage Tempo	1 lit. bottle (litre pins)	2.55	2.75
Carbonated beverage Goldsun	1 lit. bottle	2.84	3.05
Carbonated beverage Crystal	75 cl. bottle	1.80	1.94
Citrus beverage	65 cl. bottle	1.34	1.45

TEA AND COFFEE			
Instant coffee (Royal)	200 gm. jar or tin	15.70	16.95
Instant coffee (Royal)	50 gm. jar or tin	4.21	4.55
Instant coffee (Lieber)	200 gm. jar or tin	15.70	16.95
Instant coffee (Lieber)	50 gm. jar or tin	4.31	4.55
Instant coffee (Elite)	50 gm. tin	4.35	4.70
Instant coffee (Elite)	200 gm. tin	16.44	17.75
Haag low caffeine instant coffee	50 gm. jar or tin	6.76	7.30
Elite low caffeine instant coffee	50 gm. tin	6.35	6.85
Type 74 tea (Wissotzky)	aluminium foil packet, 100 gm.	2.55	2.75
Type 510 tea (Wissotzky)	aluminium foil packet, 100 gm.	2.78	3.00

Tea, 1 gm. bags (Wissotzky)	25 bags, aluminium tab	1.81	1.95
Tea, 1.5 gm. bags (Wissotzky)	25 bags, polythene tab	2.36	2.55
Tea, 1 gm. bags (Wissotzky)	50 bags, aluminium tab	3.61	3.90
Tea, 1.5 gm. bags (Wissotzky)	50 bags, polythene tab	4.63	5.00

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Terror on a new scale

THE PALESTINIAN hijackers of the Air France plane at Entebbe airport in Uganda have now made known their demands, and they are roughly what might have been expected from previous attempts to secure the release of Israeli-held terrorists through the violent seizure of Israeli civilian hostages.

But not quite, for the present scenario features one notable innovation. This time, Dr. Habash's PLO henchmen are not content to target in on Israel alone, but want to force three other nations — West Germany, Switzerland and France itself — to render homage to barbarism by ceding their own Palestinian or native terrorists on the PFLP's preferred lists.

Moreover, in what appears as a gesture towards Uganda's ruler, they insist on the release of six persons imprisoned by neighbouring Kenya, in whose welfare Gen. Amin is evidently supposed to take an interest.

There is no denying that the kidnappers have one powerful argument in their favour. In the palm of their brutal hand they hold the fate of over 200 innocent air travellers, among them some 70 Israelis. No decision maker can underestimate the capacity for inhumanity of the band of criminals assembled at Entebbe.

Yet if history is any guide to action, it ought to have taught the world that bargaining with terrorists, and submission to their demands, do not, in the long run, save human lives at all.

AN EXTRA HOUR A DAY

IT IS impossible not to feel heartened by the resolution of the Professional Workers' Committee in the Histadrut Monday calling upon the relevant professional associations to give up the shorter summer hours that they enjoy in the public service.

This committee, headed by Gideon Ben-Israel, has the same relation with the professionals as Uri Abramovich's Trade Union Department has with other worker groups. Its members are secretaries of the respective associations (the lawyers, social workers, etc.). Their unanimous decision in favour of working an extra hour a day during the summer months casts an unfavourable light on the contrary decision taken by Abramovich's department just recently.

Of course, the civil servants have a contract granting them a 40-hour week from June 15 to Rosh Ha'Shana. But any contract can be modified or even revoked, if both sides agree. The Civil Service Commission would agree. Is there any good reason why the trade unionists ought not to do the same?

The answer depends on what interests the unions serve. The interests of the nation are that they should work a full week, because the country has got to produce more than it does, otherwise its survival could be in jeopardy.

The long-term interests of the civil servants coincide with the national interest, because if the nation does not survive, neither will the civil servants. Therefore the long-term interests of the trade unionists would be to follow the example of the professionals.

The argument is particularly strong in view of the fact that the country's industrial workers (excluding only the construction men) and its agricultural workers all perform a full week's toil in the summer too; although the heat must be a greater hardship to persons engaged in physical labour than it can be to clerks who sit at desks; and some of the latter, it should be added (though by no means all), enjoy the benefits of air-conditioning.

The professionals still have to make up their minds whether they shall abide by the promptings of the Ben-Israel committee. The attitude of the engineers is of particular moment, because they were not present at yesterday's meeting in the Histadrut and therefore did not vote.

Whatever option the professionals plump for, it cannot but influence the image of the Israeli trade union among the public at large. Recent labour disputes have created the impression that the organised worker is concerned only with his short-term interest — that the sole purpose of collective bargaining is to work less and earn more.

In times of prosperity, this could be a legitimate objective. But when the country faces a serious economic crisis, considerations other than the individual's immediate personal advantage should prevail, especially among trade unionists.

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DAVAT (Histadrut) points out that after the PLO's latest crime the UN Security Council met to talk about granting the PLO independent status.

In addition, the paper lauds the French Government for its role in the affair. "It has not denied its share of the responsibility and seems to be insisting that all passengers, Israelis included, be treated equally."

The paper is convinced that a joint international political effort can lead to unconditional release of all the plane's passengers.

HATZOFER (National Religious) gives expression to the anxiety we all feel over the welfare of the passengers: "Their fate is in the hands of the terrorists who have a long history of criminal acts. Those who have given the PLO international recognition are to blame." The paper hopes that the French will insist to the end that there be no discrimination between passengers of different nationalities.

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IN THIS bicentennial period when everyone is making glowing comparisons between the two democracies, Israel and the U.S., I should like to point out some areas where Israel could profit from the American experience under freedom.

Israelis make mistakes and suffer from the same shortcomings that other men do. In a number of areas, the young country falls far short of what is expected in a democracy, and in many of these areas she can ignore what America has to offer only at her peril.

A fundamental precept of democracy is that government is designed as an instrument for the people, that it is responsible to the people, not to parties nor elected officials. This concept has still to be grasped in Israel. It rarely occurs to the government employee in Israel, in his brusque relations with the public, that it is the taxpayer that is his employer. Emanating from an Eastern European background, where there was no democratic interplay between a people and its rulers, influenced by a Mandatory Government which did not reflect the wishes of those it governed, and caught up in the web of party politics which stressed loyalty to party over everything else, the Israeli civil servant simply does not possess a Western approach to democracy.

But just as democracy stresses government responsibility toward the people, it also demands of the people that they be good citizens, not only of their country, but of their communities as well. In Israel there exists a strange imbalance: the people are highly conscious of national goals and identify themselves with them. Thus Israelis voluntarily tax themselves to achieve the "ingathering of the exiles"; they willingly send their children to the army to protect the country. But, strangely enough, they have only the barest understanding of municipal and neighbourhood responsibility. It scarcely occurs to any Israeli that, after elections are over and done with, he has a continuing responsibility toward his fellow townsmen, and that not everything can be left to

The attitudes Israelis have about government shape the democracy they live in. **ELIEZER WHARTMAN** pinpoints how some improvements might be made by learning from the Americans.

Bicentennial reflections

the vagaries of governmental agencies.

Thus, for example, Tel Aviv has few public parks or playgrounds, simply because the Tel Avivian cannot grasp the Western concept that if people want something badly enough, they organize themselves and go out and get it. The Tel Avivian, convinced that the parties run everything, leaves it to the municipality or, more likely, waits for some wealthy tourist to appear and provide the necessary funds. It would hardly occur to the residents of any neighbourhood where a playground is needed, to take the initiative and organize a drive themselves.

This lack of "voluntarism," which is a fundamental aspect of American life, is evidenced everywhere in Israel. There is little public interest in, or support of institutions which depend on the public for help; the tendency is to shirk one's shoulders when one cannot use the city beaches because they are polluted. There is the inclination to look to the Government or a quasi-public institution to provide for a project which should be financed out of the pockets of the interested private individuals. The erection of a synagogue or community centre in Israel — something normally financed in the West by the members of the community where the synagogue or centre is built — is almost always undertaken in Israel

by some institution or some individual patron. The Israeli is fiercely loyal to his country, but he has little "applied citizenship": he does not sense his obligations to his community.

THE APATHY that characterizes the average government official in his attitude towards the public also characterizes sizeable segments of the public in their relations to their fellow citizens. Many of the agricultural, industrial and transport cooperatives, for example, adopt the "public be damned" attitude of the 19th century economic barons in the U.S. Their concept of democracy is the advancement of the interests of their own particular group. The same holds true of the owners of many private industries who have no sense of obligation to the general public, and who regard themselves as responsible solely to their board of directors and their stockholders.

One of the basic characteristics of true democracy is the individual's right to form his own opinion. Members of a political party in the U.S. are free to express their differences. Such is not the case in Israel where parties are rigidly unsuspensible to new ideas, and a vote against one's party is construed as striking a blow against one's own flesh and blood.

While party solidarity is an ad-

mirable thing, it can be carried too far and results in a kind of monolithic thinking. It is not unusual in America for a member of Congress to vote against his party where he feels that in all good conscience he cannot support the party. In Israel this is almost unthinkable and all hands usually go up in robot fashion any time a party's vote is counted in the Knesset.

A touchstone of democracy is the rigid separation of church and state. Complete freedom of religious observance is something every one is entitled to. Yet surprisingly in Israel, where democracy is very much in evidence, religious freedom and tolerance have not been achieved. Religious parties in Israel are organized along political lines, and a man's religious practices come under the surveillance of religious authorities whose jurisdiction invades every area of a man's private life. The organized religious parties have not always conveyed the impression that religion has any bearing on a man's daily life. An overemphasis on ritual, unaccompanied by any distinguishing morality (religious parties have been at times as corrupt and venal as the others), has helped estrange the sabra from the faith of his fathers.

THESE ARE SOME of the broad areas where Israel has something to learn from the U.S. Israel has certainly made giant strides, and one can confidently look forward to the elimination of a number of abuses as the nation matures. Citizens, little by little, are coming to accept the fact that they have a responsibility to their own community and its institutions as well as to their national government. Here and there one can discern cracks in the present synagogue-state relationship.

America, aside from know-how and dollars, can give much to Israel: conversely, Israel has a number of values which America could import with profit. The passing of time should bring with it the broad interchange of ideas which each country urgently needs.

READERS' LETTERS

THE CAUSES OF YERIDA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — In your issue of June 21, you quoted Haimin Minister Moshe Baran as stating in the Knesset that he has never met a yored with a complaint of difficulties in housing. I should like to point out that, in my certain knowledge, the Yisraeli Immigrant Council Housing Group faced, not only difficulties, but a practical, total, disorganized obstruction from the Government. As a result of this nearly 10 per cent of the members (all fairly new immigrants with young families) have left. Minister Baran hasn't met them because they have left the country.

Most citizens are not interested in the politics of yerida and do not care who investigates it. Yerida will only be reduced and yorim increased when the Government allows self-initiative in housing and reduces bureaucratic intrusions in the day to day life of all citizens.

Jerusalem

IN SUPPORT OF GIDEON RAFAEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — We were astonished to learn of the thoroughly unjustified and obviously ill-informed great criticism of Ambassador Gideon Rafael.

In our contacts, my colleagues and I have always been impressed and inspired by the adequacy and friendliness displayed by Mr. Rafael and his wife.

It is our considered view that the attitude and efforts of the Ambassador have been of outstanding value in attracting and sustaining solidarity with Israel.

I know from personal experience the very valuable success his personality has had in non-Jewish circles.

VICTOR LUCAS, President, Anglo-Jewish Association, London.

Is a new centrist party now emerging in the U.S.?

PERIODICALLY a cry arises for a realignment of the party system in America, or at the very least for some strategy by which one or the other major party can achieve a "new majority."

It happened in 1932, when Roosevelt's "great coalition" ended 12 years of Republican rule and brought the Democrats to power for twenty.

It happened in 1960 with the "new politics" of John Kennedy, and in 1964 with the desperate Goldwater effort to get a majority by uniting the Republican and Democratic right wings. It happened in 1968 after Richard Nixon's victory over Hubert Humphrey, with Kevin Phillips' "emerging Republican majority," and again in 1972 after Nixon's landslide victory, when it looked as if the flattened Democrats could never again pick themselves up off the floor.

It is happening once more in 1976, with the dark pessimism of both conservative and liberal Republicans about their party's narrow present base and its future prospects. Despite Ronald Reagan's recent victories, the rightwing ideologues have few illusions about a Reagan triumph in November, even in the unlikely event of his nomination.

A group called the "Committee for a New Majority," headed by Richard Vigorini, wants a new conservative party to replace the Republicans. The publisher of the "National Review," William Rusher, with whom I have recently locked horns in several TV debates, is also making sounds about a new dominant conservative majority somewhat reminiscent of those that Kevin Phillips made in 1968, but Rusher's is a cry from the depths, while Phillips wrote out of a joyful euphoria.

TRADITIONALLY, America has a built-in two-party set-up, because of the presidential system. If you are fighting every four years for the stakes of power in the Presidency you must have two major parties, willy-nilly. Third parties have emerged in American history, but they either faded away or the successful ones (like the Republicans in 1856) establish a base for a new second party.

To see why a new conservative party probably won't work now, one must understand what has happened in the last few decades in the American class system and the American consciousness.

The major classes in America are no longer the owning class and the disinherited. America has become a middle-class society, divided into regions, but even more meaningfully divided into lower-middle, middle-middle and upper-middle groupings. Each has developed discontents and also visions of a good life, while the existing party system seems unable to express either of them adequately. Hence the large number of independent voters and also of voters who see themselves as "conservatives" but won't embrace a new party of the right.

These people belong, if anywhere, to the centre. Richard Nixon won in 1968 because the social violence of the late sixties destroyed Humphrey's chances, and he won again in 1972 because the Democrats wildly misread the meaning of the time and presented the people with a convention and a candidate that seemed symbols of the anarchy. In that sense the "emerging

The Republicans have learned that if they want to elect a President they must move away from the right, and the Democrats now know that a McGovern can only lead them to defeat. This, writes MAX LERNER, explains why the November elections will be a contest between two visions of the centre.

Republican majority" was not a true one, but accidental. The Democrats learned their lesson and — even in the wake of Watergate and the C.I.A. scandals — moved toward the centre, not the left. Gerald Ford also chose his own version of the centre, rather than Reagan's right.

THUS THE NOVEMBER elections, whether between Ford and Carter or between Ford and Humphrey, Brown, or Frank Church, will be a contest between two visions of the centre. For the Democrats, 1972 is a taboo figure, and George McGovern is the man who isn't there. Carter is clearly of the centre. Humphrey has moved closer to Edward Kennedy, and Kennedy to Humphrey. Frank Church, a former protégé of Senator

Fullbright, and the head of the Senate Intelligence investigation, is playing it safe. "I'm not part of the liberal bloc," he said in Rhode Island. "I draw from the whole spectrum of the Democrats."

Even Jerry Brown, fresh from his Maryland and Rhode Island victories, who talks about a new generation of several cultural revolutions, shows himself as a minimalist in government and is asking people to lower their expectations. In effect, he is seeking a new centre. I suspect that other leaders of his age will do the same.

My strong hunch is that at some point before the end of the century a new party will emerge that will replace one of the existing ones, and — whatever its name — will be an authentic party of the centre. It might even be called (European fashion) the Radical Centre Party, using "radical" in its literal sense as root.

Whatever party goes too far afield, whether the Democrats to the left or the Republicans to the right, will be the one to be replaced. Its successor will draw from both parties, seeking a surer way to express the discontents and the hopes of the people as a whole.

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OF KUPAT HOLIM MACCABI
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The Management of Kupat Holim Maccabi, incorporating Kupat Holim Assaf will, from time to time, publish in this column items of interest to our members regarding news from our various branches, the opening of new medical facilities etc.

● ASHDOD

The clinic now includes the services of an ophthalmologist with the latest equipment.

● ASHKELON

This branch will shortly move from its present location Migdal Gad to new, spacious premises at Afridar and include the services of general practitioners, pediatricians, ophthalmologists, E.N.T. nursing, and the branch of Arrangements have been made with the Ashkelon Hospital for cooperation between its doctors and those of this branch of the Kupa.

● JERUSALEM

A new, up-to-date laboratory is now in operation at 1 Rehov Mordechai Ben Hillel Haohen.

● ARAD

The Kupa has moved to new premises in the New Industrial Area. Doctors, nurses, physical institute, laboratory and more are located here.

● SAFED

The Kupa will shortly open at 13 Rehov Hapalmach, a clinic, doctors' service and office.

● KIRYAT TIVON

A building recently purchased here, will be redesigned as a clinic with usual medical services.

● RAMAT GAN

The new medical centre at 7 Rehov Alexander has already opened, and includes an electro-therapy and physiotherapy institute, a modern laboratory, doctors' and nurses' services as well as the branch office. An X-Ray Institute will be shortly open, containing the most up-to-date equipment.

The Diabetes Clinic with its Dietician's Advisory Bureau has been operating for some time at 22 Rehov Krinitz.